

Blue Ball Barn

ALAPOCAS RUN STATE PARK
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



PROPERTY HISTORY

This extraordinary structure is named after the Blue Ball Tavern, an inn and meetinghouse that was once located near the barn. During the 18th and early 19th centuries, innkeepers along stagecoach routes in Delaware, Pennsylvania and Ohio raised a pole with a blue ball attached when passengers needed to be picked up.

In 1914, Alfred I. duPont began construction of the concrete and steel Blue Ball Barn to be used for his new dairy farm. The dairy farm supplied his nearby Nemours Estate with dairy products, eggs, and other food.



Delaware's past and present are brought together in this two-story stone barn that showcases a collection of unique cultural artifacts in a contemporary multifunctional space. Situated in scenic Alapocas Run State Park in northern Delaware, and convenient to major roads and highways, the conference center's galleries house the Delaware Folk Art Collection and offer spacious reception and meeting rooms. The conference center includes a large open banquet room in the original hayloft and a secluded courtyard for picturesque outdoor accommodations.



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FACILITY DETAILS

BLUE BALL BARN

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Site Specifications:

Number of rooms	4
Total capacity	250
A/V capabilities	YES
Handicapped accessible	YES
Kitchen facilities	NO
Outdoor capabilities	YES
Overnight accommodations	NO

Renovations to the historic Blue Ball Dairy Barn began in 2004, recapturing an idyllic time of the past. Three years later, the barn opened to the public as a showcase destination, complete with heritage relics and contemporary amenities. The special exhibit space is dedicated to the agricultural and rural history of the area and provides a unique setting for both business functions and private affairs. The facility, which received LEED certification for its environmentally-friendly design, is ideal for training and conferences, and the secluded courtyard can be used for tented and other outdoor functions.

Blue Ball Barn is easily accessible from I-95 and Route 202 and is within 30 minutes driving distance from Philadelphia and West Chester, Pennsylvania; and two hours from New York City and Washington, D.C.

